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GWHFC agenda

Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 9:49 AM

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To: ted landreth <landrethassociates@gmail.com>
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Thank you so much Ted.
The details help very much.

On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 9:42 AM, ted landreth [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Yena,

We mean to discuss the future of the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, which has served a "hot, fresh, and nutritious meal" to the homeless and hungry at Sycamore and Romaine in Hollywood for 28 years, and which is about to be targeted -- or, it is to be hoped, supported -- by the biggest developer in Hollywood, CIM. CIM has bought the entire block where we serve our meal and means to turn it into commercial and retail real estate.

See www.gwhfc.org (our website). For over 20 years, before we established our own 501(c)3 corporation, the GWHFC was a program of Special Service for Groups under Herb Hatanaka. Hence his wanting to speak up for us at the meeting.

Hope to see you on the 5th.

Ted

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On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 9:09 AM, Yena Ji <yena.ji@lacity.org> wrote:

Ted,

Yes, Please let me know as we get close to the date.
Also, would you briefly let me know what you would like to discuss the Councilmember?
Thank you so much.

On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 9:06 AM, ted landreth <landrethassociates@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Yena,

Thank you yet again. I will let you know about parking closer to the date, if that's OK.

As ever,

Ted

On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 9:00 AM, Yena Ji <yena.ji@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you so much Ted.

It is confirmed for October 5 at 2 -2:30 pm at City Hall Room 425.
Please let me know if you need parking arranged.

On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 7:49 AM, ted landreth <landrethassociates@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Yena,

Sherry Bonanno, Chris LaMond, Herb Hatanaka, and I are all set to meet with Councilman Ryu on October 5. If at the last minute I can't be there because I am out of town I'll let you know.

Sincerely,

Ted Landreth

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Dear Councilman David Ryu,

My name is James Chung. I am a twenty-seven year old naturalized Korean American, and I am as proud as I can be to be able to write for the first time to a Los Angeles City Councilman who is likely to understand who I am and who, I would expect, would be eager to add me to your growing list of active supporters.

I am by profession a Federal firefighter and an EMT, but more than that I am a volunteer of a remarkable organization to which I'd like to introduce you, in that it has been doing since 1987 a lot of what it seems to me you would have the community do for the homeless among us – addressing them one on one, on a humane and "user-friendly" basis and then doing everything we can to help them get off the street and into safe, comfortable, and attractive apartments of their own.

I have been an integral part of the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition since I was in high school, and the impact it has had on me has been a learning and a humbling experience. Growing up while helping the unfortunate people we serve has enabled me to develop character and to take on a passion for doing what I can for others, while showing the gratitude I feel for the opportunities I myself have had in becoming an American.

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The GWHFC (www.gwhfc.org) has served a "hot, fresh, and nutritious meal" to the homeless and hungry of Hollywood every night for 28 years, and we've done it with a cost-effectiveness that is simply stunning, because we are all volunteers and all of the food we serve is given to us.

We serve our clients in the street, where they live, and they come to trust us and to tell us how exactly we can help them in other ways. With a recent grant from The (Bob and Dolores) Hope Foundation we are right now committed to finding apartments for ten of our "clients" in the space of the next twelve months.

Side by side with us every Wednesday night the UCLA Schools of Medicine, Public Health, and Law operate the GWHFC/UCLA Mobile Clinic, now in its fifteenth year, which dispenses the most readily accessible free medical and public health care available anywhere in the County of Los Angeles.

Eighteen months ago we were assaulted by angry neighbors acting in concert with each other and egged on by two Los Angeles City Councilmen, but "The New York Times" published a front page story about us which was followed by a lead editorial in the "Los Angeles Times" and then by a veritable tidal wave of press and media, all of which resulted in the Councilmen backing off and new supporters coming to us from every sector of the community. But we still don't have the kind of political support that will enable us to withstand other attacks on us by landlords and developers while we continue to improve what we do.

Could we meet with you at an early opportunity to discuss a way forward for us all -- not just us volunteers and the people we serve but all of us in Los Angeles who have the ability to do something meaningful for the homeless but who all-too often are discouraged from doing it?

A major developer in Hollywood said the following to us just prior to the publication of "The New York Times" story: "Progress in the modern American city is like a train. Business is the locomotive, and the homeless are the cow on the railroad tracks. The homeless simply have to get out of the way."

This was the story in "The New York Times":

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/26/us/as-homeless-line-up-for-food-los-angeles-weighs-restrictions.html?_r=0

Sincerely yours,

James Chung

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